(b) if such mechanism does not exist at present, the steps required on the part of Government to hear from the public; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to proceed to popularise the implications of the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The mechanism for filing complaints have been laid in RTI Act itself. Section 18 of this Act authorises Central/State Information Commisions to recieve and inquire into complaints from any person.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Act provides for the appropriate Government, subject to the availability of funds, to develop and organize educational programmes to advance the understanding of the public and encourage public authorities to participate in the development and organization of such programmes. The Central Government is taking various steps to popularize the Act.

Trans-Karakoram Pass

†*339. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Trans-Karakoram Pass" is a part of the State of Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan has handed over the same to China under an agreement entered into in 1963;

(b) if so , the facts in this regard;

(c) whether Government have held talks with Pakistan and China with regard to taken back of the aforesaid territory; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard?

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THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PARANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Under the so -called "Agreement between China and Pakistan on the Boundry between China's Sinkiang and the contiguous areas, the defence of which is under the actual control of Pakistan" signed in March 1963. Pakistan ceded 5180 kms of Indian territory in Shaksgam valley in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China.

(c) and (d) Governments principled and consistent position on Jammu and Kashmir is that the entire State is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. India is committed under the Simla agreement and the Lahore Declaration , to resolve all issues with Pakistan peacefully throgh bilateral discussions. Three rounds of talks have been held with Pakistan on Jammu and Kashmir in the framework of the Composite Dialogue. Special Representatives of India and China were appointed in June 2003 to explore the framework for a boundary settlement from the political perspective of the overall bilateral relationship. The Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question was signed on April 11, 2005. There have been eight meetings of the Special Representatives so far; the last was on June 25-27, 2006. Both sides agreed to continue discussions based on the Agreement signed on April 11,2005.

Small radio stations in the country

†*340. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had prepared a Radio Scheme to have a network of small Radio Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) the total number of Radio Stations set up under this scheme; and

(d) the reasons for not much expansion of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In December' 02, the Government of India announced a policy for the grant of licenses for

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